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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL HOWSON

I, MICHAEL HOWSON, declare as follows:

1. I am employed by the CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA in Los Angeles. I am also a member of the Sea Organization (hereafter "SO") and have been an SO member since 1970. This Declaration is based on my personal knowledge and I can competently testify thereto if called as a witness. The purpose of this Declaration is to explain the role of the SO and its relationship to the Church of Scientology.

2. The SO is a fraternal organization existing within the formalized structure of the Churches of Scientology. It consists of highly dedicated members of the Church who take vows of eternal service. The Sea Organization life style of community living is traditional to religious orders. It has no corporate structure or identity. Sea Org members work for the various independent Churches of Scientology. The individual Sea Org member is an employee of whatever Church worked for and is subject, as are all other employees of that Church, to the Board of Directors. Its members are bound together by the highest standards of ethical conduct and personal contribution, which are summarized in the Code of a Sea Org Member. In essence, membership in the Sea Organization is an additional honor which a Scientologist may select.

3. I first came in contact with Scientology in approximately 1968 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. In 1970, while in the Church of Scientology Mission of Edmonton, I saw SO promotional materials for the first time.

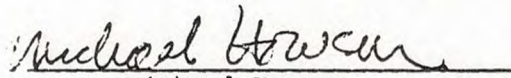
4. Those promotional materials were, in retrospect, quite realistic. They advertised an opportunity to join the Sea Organization, which was described as a group of very able beings who capably handled the rigors of operating ships at sea. The materials also described these

1 persons as an elite group who managed the Churches of Scientology, and  
2 who received room and board, medical care, Scientology pastoral  
3 counselling and training, etc. in order to enable them to serve  
4 efficiently and without distraction.

5 5. I subsequently joined the SO in 1970 in Los Angeles, had the  
6 privilege of cruising aboard the ships EXCALIBUR and BOLIVAR, and have  
7 held various positions within Churches of Scientology since. As is the  
8 case for all SO members, I have received room and board, free medical  
9 care, free Scientology pastoral counselling and training, clothing  
10 allowances, and stipends during the years since joining.

11 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and  
12 correct.

13 Executed this 17th day of October 1983 in Los Angeles, California.

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